

GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

More Consular Appointments by the President.

THE PRESIDENT'S CALLERS.

Resignation of Inspector Henderson—General and Personal.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day:

Consuls—R. H. Jones of New Mexico, Chihuahua; Samuel H. Keady of West Virginia, at Elkins; E. E. Ryan of California, at Lyons; and M. J. Newman, with drawn. Also a long list of army and navy promotions.

Inspector Henderson's Resignation.—Mr. W. T. Henderson, for many years an Inspector of the Postoffice Department and one of the most efficient officers in that branch of the service, persists in resigning. He is going into business in Baltimore, and will leave about the middle of May.

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Minor and Personal.—Mrs. W. A. Moore of the Treasury Department, visited her father, Dr. Yarmett, at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Mr. M. A. Turner of Tennessee has resigned a \$1,400 clerkship in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster-General.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS.

Matters Occupying the Attention of the Commissioners.

Superintendent Principal B. T. Jannet of the fifth division public schools has been granted a leave of absence of thirty days from May 1 to visit California.

Mr. John H. Howlett has petitioned the Commissioners to put an end to the unlawful occupancy by the residents of Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, of the portion of the width of that avenue for its entire length.

W. A. Stewart, erect nine dwellings corner Eleventh and K streets, N. W., lot 1,000; Mrs. R. C. Deibel, erect a dwelling on Maple avenue, Le Droit Park, \$4,000; L. C. Main, erect a dwelling on Tenth street, between M and N streets, N. W., lot 1,000; Meyers, two frame dwellings on Eighth street extended, \$1,000.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Washington People, Visitors, and Prominent Men.—Dr. Harold C. Ernst of Boston is at Wormley's.

—CONRAD SCHWOBEN of Philadelphia is at Ward's.

—ROBERT SCANNELL and John H. Burke of Boston are at the Riggs.

—ROSEWELL PARK of Buffalo and H. G. Trunnell of Georgia are at the Riggs.

—WINTER McCLURE of Cincinnati has been granted a leave of absence of thirty days from May 1 to visit California.

—GUSTAVE BOUSCARRE of Cincinnati is a guest of General Rosecrans at Willard's.

—F. E. PATTERSON, a prominent journalist and politician of New Jersey, is at Willard's.

—ARTHUR HADLEY, New Haven; Edwin D. Worcester, Jr., New York; and W. H. Leonard, New York, are at the Riggs.

—E. O. WOLCOTT of Denver, Colo.; N. J. Waterbury, N. Y., and F. A. Whittlesley, Rochester, N. Y., are at the Arlington.

—E. H. HAVES of Philadelphia, a prominent lawyer and wife of Pennsylvania, Paul Juenger and wife of Chicago are at Willard's.

REPRESENTATIVE RANNEY of Massachusetts and family are about to occupy for the summer season the Marshall cottage at Swampscott.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS has accepted the invitation of the New England Woman Suffrage Association to speak at their annual meeting in Boston, June 1, 2 and 3.

REPRESENTATIVE BUCK of Connecticut called home on Saturday by the death of his oldest sister, and on Sunday he attended her funeral from the old family home in Glastonbury.

HON. C. H. GATCH of Des Moines, Ia., a prominent member of the bar and of the Senate, is in the city on his way from New York City. He is the guest of his wife, Mrs. Stewart, Fourth street, Capitol Hill.

BERNARD DE LUSSAN was recalled four days last evening after her recitation of the "Sweetheart," which was composed by Annie Louise, who is now in the city from the city of New York in the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

MR. C. N. SUPPLY, formerly a clerk in War Department, has recently cashed a large business establishment in this city and will leave in a few days for Greenbrier Hot Springs where he was employed as a receiving clerk and gave satisfaction.

Scene in Court.

Marion of 1229 G street was fined \$5. Police Court this morning for slapping year old son of Mrs. Eliza Webb of G street. She claimed that the boy had struck her infant child. Mr. Webb was so indignant at the sentence stepped up to Mrs. Webb threatened with some excited language, for the Court fined him \$10 and put him on the bench to keep the peace.

THE HENDRICKS MONUMENT.

Receptions for the Hendricks monument will be received at the business office of Princeton College contains a copy of the Hendricks monument.

GENERAL GRANT'S MEMORY.

The Sixty-fourth Anniversary of His Birth Celebrated.

The services to commemorate the sixty-fourth anniversary of General Grant's birthday, which were held at the Metropolitan Church last evening, were largely attended. The meeting was under the auspices of the Grant Memorial University of Athens, Tenn. Chief Justice Waite presided. The services were opened with prayer by Bishop Andrews. Senator Brown of Georgia sketched the life of General Grant, and said that his military record was the most remarkable known to history. He said that the time would come when Americans would delight to honor as the great military chieftain of American history the Confederate, Robert E. Lee, and the great Union hero, Ulysses S. Grant, to whom Lee surrendered his army at Appomattox. He said the new South was more a matter of hope and expectation than of realization. He said the new South should inaugurate a new era of peace and harmony. He said the new South should inaugurate a new era of peace and harmony. He said the new South should inaugurate a new era of peace and harmony.

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PAPERS OF INTEREST.

This Morning's Session of the American Historical Association.

At the session of the American Historical Association last evening papers were read by the following: Alexander Brown of Virginia on "New Views of Early Virginia History"; Hon. Wm. W. H. Murray of Maryland on "The Part Taken by Virginia Under the Leadership of Patrick Henry in Establishing Religious Liberty"; Dr. Edward Channing of Harvard College on "A New England Aristocracy in the Eighteenth Century"; and T. J. Coolidge, Jr., of Harvard, "The Development of Municipal Government in Massachusetts." The attendance included the most prominent literary men in the city, among them being Hon. Henry Adams and Colonel John Hay. The association met this morning, when the following papers were presented: "The March of the Spanish Across Illinois," by Edward G. Mason, esq., of Chicago; "The Ordinance of 1787 for the Government of the Northwest Territory," by Dr. L. W. Anderson, of Washington; "The Introduction to the Constitutional History of Ohio," by Professor George W. Knight of Ohio State University, Columbus, O.; "Did the Louisiana Purchase Create a New Nation?" by A. Mowry, esq., of Boston; "The Settlement of the Lower St. Lawrence," by Elmer Greengrass Scott, esq., of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Orders, Promotions, Leaves, Courts-Martial and Personal.

Major Hugh B. Flemming, U. S. Army, and Mrs. Flemming are at the Elbert House from their home at Erie, Pa.

Private Wm. E. Hartman, Company H, Second Infantry, Fort Clark, Texas, has been granted four months' furlough from May 15.

Company A, Thirtieth Infantry (Captain J. H. Gunderman) has been ordered from Fort Bayard to field duty near Sepul, New Mexico.

Assisted Assistant Surgeon Charles T. Hildreth, U. S. Army, and Mrs. Hildreth are at the Elbert House from Fort Hildreth, where they have been on duty with the monitor USS Albatross.

Colonel George F. Towle, captain Nineteenth Infantry, was in San Antonio last Friday en route to Chicago to report to Major-General Terry for duty as aide-de-camp.

The vessels of the North Atlantic squadron, after leaving Key West, will proceed to Key West, Florida, for a month or six weeks, and will rendezvous in Hampton Roads first in June.

Army Leaves Granted.—First Lieutenant David C. Johnson, Fifth Infantry, Fort Monroe, until next Monday; Lieutenant Harry L. Hawthorne, Second Artillery, Fort Monroe, until next Monday; and Captain John E. Blaine, First Artillery, Fort Monroe, until next Monday.

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IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

Passage of a Number of Bridge Bills by the Senate.

MR. LOGAN'S NEW ARMY BILL.

Mr. Mitchell of Oregon on the Chinese Question.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE.

The Senate opened to-day with a personal explanation by Mr. Call, because of a publication in Florida reflecting upon his integrity, in which it was charged that before leaving Florida he had no money, but that he was now building a fine residence in Washington. The Senator denounced the article as an absolute falsehood and "a foul slander," and said that he was not building a residence in the Capital City.

Bills authorizing the construction of bridges were passed as follows: Across the Mississippi, at Ketchikan, Ill., and Winona, Minn.; also at Rock Wing, Minn.; across the Yellowstone, in Montana; the Missouri at Pierre, Dak.; the Red River, at Brown's Ferry, Tex.; and the Illinois at Lacon, Ill.; the Des Moines, at Iowa; the Ohio at Cleveland, Ohio; the New York and Council Bluffs Railway Company; Tennessee in Perry and Decatur counties, at a point to be selected by the Nashville, Jackson and Memphis Railroad Company, and the Kansas at Wyandotte.

Mr. Logan to-day reported favorably the bill to increase the efficiency of the army in the amended form in which he recently introduced it. Mr. Morgan moved to take up the Chinese Indemnity bill, but yielded to Mr. Mitchell of Oregon to speak on the memorial of the conference of the New York M. E. Church, praying protection for Chinese in the United States.

The Postoffice Appropriation bill was laid before the Senate and temporarily laid aside for Mr. Mitchell to make his Chinese speech.

In the course of his speech, which was vigorously anti-Chinese, Mr. Mitchell asked that a memorial of the California Legislature be inserted in the Record, to which Senators Ingalls and Edmunds both strenuously objected. Nothing should be printed but what was read and known to be correct before publication.

A resolution was subsequently adopted calling upon the President for all information and correspondence in his possession on the subject of the reception of the new Chinese embassy at San Francisco.

At 2 o'clock the Inter-State Commerce bill was taken up and informally laid aside for the Postoffice Appropriation bill.

There appears to be a general belief in the House that if consideration of the bill, extending to seventy years in the time within which the Pacific railroads may liquidate their indebtedness to the Government, can be had, it will be passed.

Mr. Hatch, from the Committee on Agriculture, to-day reported a bill defining butter and imposing a tax upon oleomargarine. It was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND.

"Gath's" Extraordinary Gifts as Correspondent and Author.

Probably no newspaper writer is more widely known than George Alfred Townsend. The magic pseudonym "Gath" is almost as familiar beyond the seas as at home. For twenty-five years it has been the index to clear and logical analyses of men and manners, to descriptions of photographic accuracy and to vivid detail of events.

The merits of "Gath's" newspaper and literary work are best attested by the fact that it has won him a reputation that mediocrity could never have done. A brief sketch of Mr. Townsend's career as a writer, therefore, will better serve its purpose if devoted to illustrate the quantity rather than the quality of his work.

OFF FOR ST. LOUIS.

The Special Labor Committee Departs for the West.

The special committee, composed of seven Members of the House, appointed to investigate the labor troubles in the West left here at 9:45 o'clock this morning over the Pennsylvania Railroad, and will reach St. Louis about noon to-morrow.

The committee has a combined dining and sleeping car, and is accompanied by Official Stenographer Welch and Messenger Combs. At St. Louis the committee will divide into two sub-committees, one of them going to Texas.

PROF. BELL ON THE STAND.

How Mrs. Bell Acquired Her Ten Million-Dollar Telephone Interest.

Professor Bell was the first witness called before the House Telephone Investigating Committee to-day. He stated that he obtained his patent in March, 1873; but he had previously parted with his inventions to an association, and since that time he had nothing to do with the telephone. He entered into a verbal arrangement with Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Saunders, by which they were to pay the expenses of experiments and the cost of the telephone. He stated that he had no interest in the telephone.

Under this arrangement each party was to have one-third interest. He was paid no direct consideration by these gentlemen, but received from them the third interest. The first steps were taken in the autumn of 1876 to put the invention into operation.

Chairman Boylston asked Professor Bell what he had done with the one-third interest, to which he replied that he had, before leaving for Europe in 1877, made a gift of it to his wife, Mr. Hubbard's daughter. He then told the original story of the formation of the stock and after the consolidation and formation of the American Bell Company, she had received a large share of the stock and was now one of the largest holders of the stock.

Walsham asked: "Then her ten million-dollar interest has grown from the one-third interest in this instrument from 1876 to 1886?"

Professor Bell replied in the affirmative.

A PANIC CREATED.

Fire in the Upper Portion of St. Peter's Parochial School.

What might have proved a serious fire occurred at St. Peter's Parochial School-house, on E street, between Third and Fourth streets southeast, this afternoon about 1:35 o'clock. It occurred in the upper portion of the building and spread rapidly, destroying a large portion of the roof and gutting nearly the entire interior of the building. So serious looking was the fire that a special alarm was struck, bringing out additional fire companies. The school was in session at the time and quite a panic was created among the children, although none were seriously hurt. The damage is about \$1,600.

THE NEW YORK STRIKE.

New York, April 28.—The strike on the Third Avenue Railroad entered on its fourteenth day this morning without any signs of ending. The men on strike are the "walkmen" of the company, who are the officials. The officials say that they will make an effort to run cars continuously up to midnight to-night. Should they persist in this course, the strike will be prolonged. President Lyon declares that his company will not be dictated by any labor union, and is ready to spend millions to back up the stand they have taken.

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